

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
April 12, 2016
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
Michael W. Lewis, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
John R. Simon, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to adopt the as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the April 5, 2016 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Vicki Valentine, Hamilton County Register of Deeds, informed that the maintenance agreement fees have increased for her Register of Deeds Program. Last year the County paid \$1,280.00 and this year it is \$3,005.00. The Commissioners asked that she pay half of the maintenance fees from the Register of Deeds Technology Fund and the other half will be paid from the General Fund.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

SYAA: Vance Keller and Brian Bloyd, SYAA Board Members, presented minutes from the Fair Board and the Saddle Club approving the new little league field. Discussed moving the Saddle Club's fence and the exact placement of the little league field. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve SYAA the use of County owned land for a little league ball diamond and move the Saddle Club's fence 280 feet west and north to the field road. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary, presented the 2016 KDOT Federal Fund Exchange Program Agreement. Hamilton County is eligible to receive \$54,251.94. Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the KDOT Federal Fund Exchange Program Agreement as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

CARLA PATCHETT: Ms. Patchett, Courthouse Custodian, informed the Commissioners that the riding lawn mower is in need of some extensive repairs. The mower is 18 years old. She also presented estimates on a new John Deere S240 riding lawn mower and a John Deere Z335E with a 42-inch deck. Commissioner Lewis moved to purchase a John Deere Z335E mower with a 42-inch deck without a bagging system to be paid from the Capital Outlay Fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

ABATEMENT: After review, Commissioner Braddock moved to approve Abatement No. 150152. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT: The Library Board submitted a letter to the County Clerk informing that Jill Pollart's term will expire April 30, 2016 and she does not wish to be reappointed. The Board recommends that Stephanie Einspahr be appointed for a four year term to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Lewis moved to appoint Stephanie Einspahr to the Hamilton County Library Board for a four year term expiring April 30, 2020. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION (Alcohol Policy): Attorney Gale discussed a proposed alcohol policy with the KCAMP, the County's Liability Insurance Company. Attorney Gale advised the Commissioners to write an alcohol policy on the Fair Board's recommendations and submit it to KCAMP for their input and review.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$47,922.45. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Discussed a lagoon discharge three miles south of town and concerns of it contaminating the aquifer and the discharge going across an open County Road. They were informed that KDHE and Kansas Water officials were contacted and advised of the situation by City Manager, Brian Bloyd. Also discussed operations of Sunflower Square and the VIP Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Simon moved for a 15-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney client privilege with the Commissioners and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:05 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner